

PARDONS.

"The Quality of Mercy is not Strained."

Governor Geary's Annual Report—Whom He has Released from Durance Vile During the Year, and the Reasons Thereof.

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Accompanying the Governor's message to the Legislature, published elsewhere in to-day's issue, was the annual report of the action of the Executive during the year 1869, in the matter of pardons.

All those cases in Philadelphia are given below, together with the most important ones in the vicinity of the city:

1. George Thomas, Philadelphia, convicted of arson, January 17, 1867. Sentenced to Eastern Penitentiary for two years and six months. Pardoned January 1, 1869. Recommended by William McLaughlin, J. B. Allen, Jr., James W. Barrett, Joseph A. Brown, Archibald Chasick, James Wolstein, John Bounlock, and Philip Wright.

2. Henry W. Bach, Bucks county, January 25, 1867. Assault and battery. Pardoned January 1, 1869. Recommended by Joseph Thomas, C. F. Meredith, Thomas Morris, W. H. Meredith, J. L. Hancock, E. F. John, W. B. Moran, J. J. Levenski, Samuel C. Bradshaw, A. W. Hines, Benjamin B. Frantz, Milton A. Higie, Frank M. Diehl, A. Goldstein, Samuel J. Levis, Jr., Milton Roberts, H. C. Johnson, William Sayson, George Clayton, A. Mailey, F. Fisher, Moses A. Iropole, H. G. Siskel, Robert L. Bodine, Manoah Geary, Y. Ardley, and many other citizens of Philadelphia and Bucks county. Reasons:—Bach is a respectable citizen, and a dependent family; the evidence against him was insufficient to establish his guilt; his health had suffered seriously from his confinement; and the ends of justice were best served by his release.

3. John Marten, Philadelphia, June 21, 1867. Assault and battery. Four years in County Prison. Pardoned February 2, 1869. Recommended by W. Mullen, Prison Agent, and the Board of Prison Inspectors: Frederick Dittmer, William H. Heston, August Huseberg, Jacob F. Armstrong, and other citizens of Philadelphia. Reasons:—The prisoner is seventy-two years of age, an excellent character, and has served within the verge of the grave; poor and friendless; and serious doubts have arisen in regard to his guilt. Two years and four and a half months remitted.

4. Andrew J. Finch, Philadelphia, July 17, 1867. Maintaining a nuisance. One thousand dollars fine and two years in county prison. Pardoned January 19, 1869. Recommended by Walter Clawson, W. B. Sellers, Jos. W. Ding, J. S. Warner, Richard Schoenberger, H. A. Hart, George W. May, Robert F. Corson, George W. Brown, John W. Charkson, jurors in the case; Thomas J. Worrall, John Gortoff, W. B. Perkins, J. H. Seltzer, Thomas Hart, W. H. Boyd, and Thomas Cassidy, jurors; William B. Mann, District Attorney; J. H. Howell, W. H. Shearn, A. M. Klutner, Francis Hunter, A. Hart, George W. May, George W. Brown, Chipman, and other citizens of Philadelphia. Reasons:—Serious doubts were entertained of the guilt of Finch; the evidence against him was insufficient to justify the conviction; he had always sustained an excellent character; conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen; and the ends of justice demanded his release. Three months remitted.

5. Frank DeMoulin, Philadelphia, February 9, 1869. Assault and battery. Nine months in County Prison. Pardoned August 15, 1869. Recommended by John J. Rogers, David P. Jones, Michael Beard, Samuel Joseph, John McInnis, H. M. Valente, J. S. McDaniel, William Brotherton, C. Ernest Kinney, Richard J. Brennan, W. C. Armstrong, and other citizens of Philadelphia. Reasons:—DeMoulin is fifty-nine years of age, and has always sustained a good character; he has served for the life of a man who fell overboard from the United States ship Sabine; and the ends of justice do not require his continued imprisonment. Seven months remitted.

6. John Fritzman, Philadelphia, July 29, 1868. Nuisance. Two years in County Prison. Pardoned May 8, 1869. Recommended by H. B. Rutherford, Joseph Bond, Joseph Nudd, S. A. McDougall, George W. Stull, Jr., Owen Price, James B. Grindle, J. Krohn, B. Leidy, Jacob Leidy, John A. W. May, George W. Brown, Antier, George Britz, Thomas Leidy, Asher S. Leidy, Charles F. Barton, William Sergeant, Charles William Kiser, George W. May, George W. Brown, W. W. Wierbach, Jacob Hackett, John Williams, Joseph W. May, Jno. Rogers, Chas. W. Brown, Geo. Woodhouse, Fred. Breittiger, Milton Sherman, James P. Dubois, H. G. Dentner, Robert Simpson, William S. Miller, and a large number of other citizens. Reasons:—It appeared after the trial, that one of the principal witnesses was a man who had been convicted of a crime which is believed to be innocent of the crime alleged; he was always known to be a good citizen; and has a wife and several children to support. One year and three months remitted.

7. Hester Vaughan, Philadelphia, July 1, 1868. Infanticide. To be hanged. Pardoned May 1, 1869. Recommended by J. J. Rogers, J. D. Armstrong, J. D. Mass, Jay Cooke, William G. Moorhead, McGregor, Mitchellson, George Pitt, Joseph H. Chandler, D. P. Southworth, William D. Keller, J. K. Howell, Joseph Bond, John Leidy, David J. Lewis, Robert Jones, Henry Cain, Thomas Murray, Susan A. Smith, Adelaide M. Murdoch, Madame C. S. Lozier, Mercy Clarkson, Anna E. M. Davis, Mrs. E. B. Oran, Helen Hagbins, Rebecca B. and Har. J. H. Ballard, Mrs. John Bond, Mrs. J. M. Dril, Horace Greeley, John Hillyer, Charles Jones, Leonard, Dr. William G. Otterson, Charles W. Elliott, George W. Brown, William B. Riley, Ingersoll Lockwood, J. Howard Smith, James Montzich, George A. Cushing, H. M. Williams, J. J. Stelling, R. C. Newton, Nelson Newman, E. R. Ray, George W. May, George W. Brown, Hunter, Aaron Adams, John A. Walton, William Fleming, James H. Nash, John R. Davis, J. Alex. Griffiths, John G. Atson, M. H. Smith, Robert Finley, Louis Howell, Thomas Peters, Joseph Zimmerman, Robert Stewart, David B. Thomas, Joseph Williams, John Stewart, John Prichard, S. C. Reinhold, P. Heston, Robert Jones, David J. Lewis, Robert Roth, George Boyer, C. L. Pinkerton, J. B. Zebach, Daniel Hoffman, Richard P. J. Jones, Watkins Lewis, John G. Atson, M. H. Smith, Robert Finley, Charles Evans, George Kessler, and more than five thousand other respectable petitioners residing in this State. Reasons:—Hester Vaughan was a young English woman, entirely unacquainted, and with-out a relative or friend in this country; previous to her conviction she had behaved herself generally in such a manner as to gain the good will of those who knew her; grave doubts were entertained as to her having committed the crime of which she was convicted; or, if she did commit it, it was under an unusual excitement; if not entire abolition of mind; she was the victim of a seducer, and the child she is supposed to have destroyed was the product of his heinous violation, rather than from any absolutely guilty purpose on her part; the circumstances attending the child's death furnish reasons to believe that it might have been occasioned without her knowledge by the peculiar condition of the mother; since her imprisonment her health had so rapidly failed that she could not long survive, and justice, mercy, and humanity all conspired to have her restored, at her own solicitation, to her family in England.

St. Nicholas Sands, Philadelphia, March 9, 1858. Receiving Stolen Goods. Three years in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned May 23, 1869. Recommended by the prosecutors; John W. Barth, and other citizens. Reasons:—The worth of the goods said to be stolen did not amount to \$25; the person who received the largest amount thereof escaped punishment; Sands was poor, and bought the goods, not knowing them to be stolen; he was temperate and industrious and always bore a good character; his wife and child were unable to provide for herself and children; Amos were in great distress and depending upon the property for support; and the present imprisonment already endured was sufficient punishment. One year and ten months remitted.

35. Henry Clay, Philadelphia, January 29, 1863. Burglary. Two years and two months in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned May 10, 1869. Recommended by Alexander J. Harper, John G. Martin, Joseph K. McCammon, J. P. Thomas, Samuel Bell, Isaac G. Colebury, William Duffy, Samuel W. Pennypacker, Edward Span, John Nicholas, James W. Palmer, John Patterson, Richard Hicks, F. Schmidt, Robert Foster, E. R. Smith, William Strayer, Peter B. Long, H. J. McIntyre, Charles A. Porter, E. J. Lavan, R. E. Steiner, Robert Saverick, Wm. McMichael, and many others. Reason:—Clay is young, and from his childhood has been feeble-minded and in the habit of wandering around the city and sleeping wherever he could find a place; at the time of his arrest was found in an unshowered house, and about him the articles said to be stolen, valued at eight dollars; and his longer imprisonment would be cruelty. One year ten months and a half remitted.

38. John McDonnell, Philadelphia, March 17, 1860. Assault and Battery. Three months in county prison. Pardoned May 23, 1869. Recommended by C. W. Myers, John Clond, Robert Hervey, James Hoigate, Alexander C. Adair, W. M. Bonn, James V. Stock, M. C. Long, David Foy, John McGinnis, Michael Mullin, Samuel Joseph, John J. Rogers, James Subers, members of the Legislature from Philadelphia. Reasons:—The bill of indictment had been tampered with and altered, after leaving the grand jury, so as to preclude a proper defense; and there was after-the-fact testimony, which had it been given at the trial, would have warranted a verdict of acquittal. Twenty-five days remitted.

39. William H. Fraley, Philadelphia, January 15, 1868. Larceny. Six months in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned May 23, 1869. Recommended by A. B. Shoemaker, William S. Toland, John O'Byrne, Christian Kneass, Amos Robinson, Godfrey Haber, Richard Peitz, G. S. Nichols, P. T. Langford, James Frechman, H. H. Egan, W. H. Evans, John Phillips, Isaac S. Casler, M. C. Brady, James V. Stokes, William R. Lewis, James H. Ridgway, Albert G. Roberts, John Hensley, Frederick G. Wolbert, James Subers, R. M. Eavis, Leonard Myers, H. W. Gray, and William J. Bolton. Reasons:—Fraley had served more than eight months on a former charge, and even if guilty, had been severely punished; he had served more than three years, faithfully, in the Union Army; and he was a man of good character. Two months remitted.

44. Squire Bradley, Philadelphia, October 20, 1858. Receiving stolen goods. Eighteen months in County Prison. Pardoned July 23, 1869. Recommended by Dr. Wm. Townsend Carter, Dr. William J. Fleming, Dr. Wm. W. Howell, Frederick Pittman, A. G. Feacher, John H. Ridgway, Joseph H. Joseph, Chas. A. Miller, R. M. Evans, Thomas Brotherton, and many other citizens. Reasons:—Bradley was a man of good character, industriously to support a dependent family; the evidence against him was insufficient to establish his guilt; his health had suffered seriously from his confinement; and the ends of justice were best served by his release. Nine and a half months remitted.

45. Jordan Cavana, Delaware, August, 1857. Assault and Battery. Three years in County Prison. Pardoned July 23, 1869. Recommended by Prison Inspectors, the keeper of the prison, William Butler, Dr. A. W. Matthews, and others. Reasons:—The prisoner was a man of good character, and it was found necessary to remove him to a suitable institution to receive necessary treatment. One year remitted.

46. Ignatz Walker, Philadelphia, May 28, 1859. Burglary. Three months in County Prison. Pardoned July 23, 1869. Recommended by Charles F. Henry, William F. Donahoe, Thomas W. Veck, Calvin H. Trent, W. R. Thomas, F. A. Brez, Jr., Thomas Ashton, John H. Waterhouse, J. E. Hoppie, J. A. Boham, Joseph Barley, Jr., Frederick Euler, Andrew Zane, Jr., Christian Kneass, Richard B. Oit, John Sharp, Overton Howell, and many other citizens. Reasons:—Walker had always been known as an upright citizen; was never married to the woman said to be his first wife, and was not guilty of the offense of which he was convicted. One month remitted.

47. Young Parr, Philadelphia, April 7, 1862. Receiving stolen goods. Two years in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned October 15, 1869. Recommended by Kate Seitzinger, the prosecutor; the jurors in the case; Charles H. P. Collins, W. J. Pollock, W. W. Watt, James Givin, Gideon Clark, John A. Houseman, and many other citizens. Reasons:—Parr is a mere youth, and has never before charged with any criminal offense; his conviction was obtained by the testimony of a former convict; his sentence was severe, and the punishment already inflicted was considered sufficient. One year five and a half months remitted.

52. John Wells, Philadelphia, October 29, 1863. Burglary. Eighteen months in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned July 23, 1869. Recommended by Francis Gallen, George Schenck, John Savory, John Brenner, De Witt Clinton Russell, Samuel Wilson, Joseph Heston, Henry Myers, John McMakin, Lawrence G. Jones, John G. Heston, George M. Dickinson, the jurors in the case; Robert Gillespie, R. M. Evans, E. W. Davis, George Connell, D. A. Nagle, William B. Mann, Robert L. Bodine, and many other citizens. Reasons:—Wells is very young, and has always sustained a good character; the crime for which he was convicted was committed under the influence of greater age and experience; and the punishment inflicted was sufficient to meet the ends of justice. Six months remitted.

54. William Welsh, Philadelphia, June 13, 1867. Assault and Battery. Four years in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned October 22, 1869. Recommended by E. Greenhard, Edward O'Connell, M. McDonald, and D. Jones, jurors in the case; William Frimouth, Eugene Schaner, Thomas Bonner, Jonathan Frimouth, Thomas Leidy, Charles E. Reynolds, Charles Schweitzer, Thomas H. Adicks, William P. Pontzer, John Morehead, and about one hundred more citizens of Philadelphia. Reasons:—Welsh had always borne a good character; has served sufficient punishment, and was a proper subject for Executive clemency. One year and six months remitted.

56. Charles Brown, Philadelphia, October 31, 1855. Assault and battery with intent to commit a rape. Five years in Eastern Penitentiary. Pardoned October 22, 1869. Recommended by James Givin, Joshua T. Owen, and other citizens of Philadelphia. Reasons:—Previous to his conviction Brown had sustained an excellent character; he was not properly defended and represented at trial; had served his country faithfully during the late war; was in falling health, and public justice had been satisfied by the four years imprisonment already suffered. One year remitted.

61. Charles Brown and August Steele, Philadelphia, January, 1860. Robbery. Twelve years in County Prison. Pardoned October 22, 1869. Recommended by the Board of Prison Inspectors; Sarah C. Baldwin, widow of the prosecutor; Joseph H. Chandler, Thos. Leidy, Dr. H. K. Smith, William B. Perkins, J. A. Childs; Retz, George Brigg, hurst, Washington B. Fries, R. Heber Newton, Javel Haines Peters, J. Wheaton Smith, Daniel Brown, and Albert Barnes; Jay Cooke, and many other respectable citizens. Reasons:—The prisoners have conducted themselves with marked propriety during an imprisonment of twelve years; the sentence was unusually severe; one of them has become blind from the effect of long confinement and the health of the other is greatly impaired; and the ends of justice have been promoted by the punishment inflicted. Three years remitted.

Death Warrants.

1. Gerald Eaton. Sentenced January 10, 1869, in Philadelphia, for the murder of Timothy Heenan, on the night of the 12th, or the morning of the 13th of June, 1868. Warrant issued March 9, 1869. Executed at Philadelphia, on Thursday, April 8, 1869.

2. George S. Twitchell. Sentenced January 30, 1869, in Philadelphia, for the murder of Mary E. Hill, on the 24th of November, 1868. Warrant issued March 9, 1869. Executed at Philadelphia, on Thursday, April 8, 1869.

3. Pittsburg, Allegheny county, for the murder of Henrietta Lane, on the 9th of May, 1868. Warrant issued March 23, 1869. Executed at Pittsburg, on Thursday, April 8, 1869.

4. Charles Orme. Sentenced January 2, 1869, in Monroe county, as one of the murderers of Theodore Tilton, on the 10th of August, 1868. Warrant issued June 29, 1869. Executed at Stroudsburg, on Wednesday, August 11, 1869.

5. John Fines. Sentenced September 4, 1869, in Lehigh county, for the murder of George Matthews, on May 18, 1869. Warrant issued November 6, 1869. Executed at Williamsport, on Tuesday, December 7, 1869.

6. Zachary Taylor Hockensbury. Sentenced September 1, 1869, in Butler county, for the murder of Nancy Ann McCandless, on the 19th of October, 1868. Warrant issued November 6, 1869. Executed at Butler, on Tuesday, December 7, 1869.

7. Adam Thum. Sentenced August 17, 1869, in Cumberland county, for the murder of Henry Stahm, on December 28, 1868. Warrant issued November 24, 1869. Executed at Carlisle on Wednesday, December 22, 1869.

A Tabular Statement.

Appended to the report is the following tabular statement of the number of pardons, remissions of fines, and forfeited recognisances (with the year

average), remissions to citizenship and death warrants issued from the year 1771 to 1869 inclusive, together with the names of the Governors by which they were issued:

Year.	No. of Pardons.	Remissions of Fines.	Forfeited Recognisances.	Remissions to Citizenship.	Death Warrants.	Total.	By whom Issued.
1781 to 1799.	1,188	122	10			1,320	Thomas Mifflin.
1800 to 1809.	1,269	212	10			1,491	Thomas McKean.
1810 to 1819.	1,553	212	10			1,775	Simon Snyder.
1820 to 1829.	1,434	434	6			1,874	William Findler.
1830 to 1839.	1,977	288	6			2,271	Joseph Hooper.
1840 to 1849.	2,281	102	6			2,389	John A. Snyder.
1850 to 1859.	2,022	207	6			2,235	George Wolf.
1860 to 1869.	1,811	151	6			1,968	David R. Porter.
1870 to 1879.	1,230	130	14			1,374	Francis R. Shunk.
1880 to 1889.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1890 to 1899.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1900 to 1909.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1910 to 1919.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1920 to 1929.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1930 to 1939.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1940 to 1949.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1950 to 1959.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1960 to 1969.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1970 to 1979.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1980 to 1989.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
1990 to 1999.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2000 to 2009.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2010 to 2019.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2020 to 2029.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2030 to 2039.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2040 to 2049.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2050 to 2059.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2060 to 2069.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2070 to 2079.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2080 to 2089.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2090 to 2099.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2100 to 2109.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2110 to 2119.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2120 to 2129.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2130 to 2139.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2140 to 2149.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2150 to 2159.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2160 to 2169.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2170 to 2179.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2180 to 2189.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2190 to 2199.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2200 to 2209.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2210 to 2219.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2220 to 2229.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2230 to 2239.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2240 to 2249.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2250 to 2259.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2260 to 2269.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2270 to 2279.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2280 to 2289.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2290 to 2299.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2300 to 2309.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2310 to 2319.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2320 to 2329.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2330 to 2339.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2340 to 2349.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2350 to 2359.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2360 to 2369.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2370 to 2379.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2380 to 2389.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2390 to 2399.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2400 to 2409.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2410 to 2419.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2420 to 2429.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2430 to 2439.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2440 to 2449.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2450 to 2459.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2460 to 2469.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2470 to 2479.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2480 to 2489.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2490 to 2499.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2500 to 2509.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2510 to 2519.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2520 to 2529.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2530 to 2539.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2540 to 2549.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2550 to 2559.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2560 to 2569.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2570 to 2579.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2580 to 2589.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2590 to 2599.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2600 to 2609.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2610 to 2619.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2620 to 2629.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2630 to 2639.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2640 to 2649.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2650 to 2659.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2660 to 2669.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2670 to 2679.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2680 to 2689.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2690 to 2699.	1,078	108	11			1,197	William Bigler.
2700 to 2709.	1,078	108					